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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
CLARK WOODY, ET AL.) : Examiner: G. Weeks
Application No.: 09/614,898) : Group Art Unit: 3721
Filed: July 12, 2000) :
For: APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD) May 07, 2003
OF SEVERING AND SEALING)
THERMOPLASTIC FILM)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 13 and 14 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please AMEND claims 1-4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15-18, 21-24, 26-30, 33, and 34 to read as follows and ADD new claims 36-40 as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached hereto in Appendix A. Note that all of the claims